

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In order to allow various user setups associated with a communication using a plurality of communication
5 channels, the number of communication channels used in a communication with a single partner is varied depending on whether or not the automatic answering mode is set. The number of communication channels used in the communication with the single partner can be
10 independently set in correspondence with transmission and reception. The number of communication channels used in the communication with another communication partner can be independently set in correspondence with whether an incoming call or a call origination request is
15 detected.